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### OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER OF HARRIS COUNTY

HARRIS COUNTY COURT HOUSE HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

AUTOPSY REPORT

Case 73 - 3378

August 15, 1973

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS ON THE BODY

OF

Unknown #22

Asphyxia due to strangulation.

OPINION

It is our opinion that the decedent, Unknown #22, came to his death as a result of asphyxia due to strangulation -Homicide.

Chief Medical Examiner

Jøseph/A. Jachimozyk, M.D.,

(See Companion Cases 73 - 3376 and 73 - 3377)

### POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

### UNKNOWN #22

HISTORY: This unidentified white male body was found at approximately the same time that three other bodies were uncovered during the evening of August 9, 1973, near Lake Sam Rayburn in San Augustine County, Texas. One was identified as William Ray Lawrence. His body was not sent to the Harris County Morgue. The remaining three were sent to this morgue. (73-3376, 73-3377 and 73-3378.) The three bodies arrived at the Harris County Morgue at 1:00 p.m. on August 11, 1973.

AUTOPSY: The autopsy was performed by Chief Medical Examiner Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., assisted by Assistant Medical Examiners Ethel E. Erickson, M.D., and G. Sheldon Green, M.D., and Dr. Paul G. Stimson, beginning at 10:15 a.m. on August 15, 1973, in the Harris County Morgue.

EXTERNAL APPEARANCE: The decomposing body was that of a young Caucasian male, measuring approximately 68 inches in length and weighing a residual 75 pounds, submitted in a crashbag. The body was covered with white embalmer's preservative powder. The head was covered with fairly short dark brown hair, measuring up to 3-1/2 inches in length. The body had been previously autopsied. There were no clothes.

Complete postmortem X-rays of the body did not reveal the presence of any radiopaque objects.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION: Section: The body was opened through the previously made Y-shaped prior autopsy incision. The abdominal and thoracic viscera were re-examined. The body cavities emitted an unpleasant aroma.

HEART: The heart was decomposing.

LUNGS: The lungs together weighed 450 grams. They were collapsed and decomposing.

LIVER: The liver weighed 450 grams. The liver was mostly autolyzed. The gallbladder was empty.

Pancreas and Adrenals: The pancreas and adrenals were auto-

SPLEEN: The spleen weighed 50 grams. There was postmortem decomposition.

GENITOURINARY TRACT: The kidneys together weighed 50 grams. They were autolyzed.

GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: Most of the intestines were eaten away with lime. The stomach was empty.

BONES: There was a complete postmortem separation of the vertebral column between the 1st and 2nd lumbar vertebrae. The left femur was disarticulated from its acetabulum. A good portion of the soft tissue was absent. There was postmortem absence over the right and left elbows. The distal epiphysis of the left ulna was not fused.

NECK: The hyoid bone was intact. There was hemorrhage into the tissue surrounding the hyoid bone. There was periesophageal hemorrhage. There was hemorrhagic discoloration of the larynx and first portion of the trachea on the inner surface. The thyroid cartilage was intact, but there was hemorrhage around the thyroid cartilage.

HEAD: The scalp was reflected in the usual coronal fashion. The calvarium was not remarkable. There were no skull fractures. The brain was mushy. The residual brain weighed 750 grams.

Following the autopsy, a second set of X-rays was made in order to attempt to determine the skeletal age of this individual.

The first film was an anteroposterior view of the chest and shoulders and included most of both humeri. The spine was intact. The ribs were intact. Both clavicles were visible. There was no evidence of a medial clavicular epiphysis. Most of both scapulae could be seen. The proximal humerus epiphyses were not fused. A distinct epiphyseal plate was visible in both. None of the anular epiphyses of the vertebral column appeared to be fused.

A film of the pelvis showed considerable rotation. Portions of both forearms and hands were visible. Technical detail of the latter was good, while the pelvis was underpenetrated. The distal epiphyses of the right radius was well defined. It was not fused, and there was a distinct epiphyseal plate.

The distal portion of the left radius was also well defined and also showed no fusion. In the pelvis, only the anterior portions of the iliac crest epiphyses were well visualized. These showed a distinct epiphyseal plate and appeared not to be fused. The proximal ends of the femurs were barely visible and could not be evaluated. Two of the left metacarpals were quite well demonstrated. Both appeared to have completely fused epiphyses.

Film of the knees showed a well defined epiphyseal plate in the distal femurs. Fusion, if any, was very early. The proximal tibial epiphyses were less well visualized, but there were cortical defects at the margins of the epiphyseal plates and these appeared not to be fused. The fibulae were not well visualized.

The fourth X-ray showed the feet and ankles in the dorsal plantar view. The distal ends of the long bones of the legs were not well visualized. The metatarsal epiphyses all appeared to be completely fused. The epiphyseal lines were present in several of the proximal phalanges. They were most clearly defined in the proximal phalanges of the great toes, particularly at the proximal ends. These appeared to be unfused or only partially fused, as there was some suggestion of cortical defect at the margins of the epiphyseal plates.

Based upon the X-ray criteria, the age was estimated to be approximately 15 to 18 years.

#### DENTAL EXAMINATION

Utilizing the Universal System, all of the third molars are partially erupted. The upper left central, number 9, and the upper left lateral, number 10, are avulsed. The upper right second bicuspid, number 4, has undergone a 180 degree rotation. The buccal and lingual cusps are reversed. Number 22 is in mesial labial rotation. Number 25 is in lingual version, blocked out by tooth 24 and 26. Number 26 is in mesial labial rotation and number 27 is in mesial labial rotation. Jaw relationships are normal. The peridontal condition is average. Caries are noted as follows: the upper right second molar, number 2, has distal and occlusal pit caries. The upper right first molar, number 3, has distal and occlusal pit caries. There is occlusal caries on the upper left first bicuspid, number 12, on the upper left second bicuspid, number 13, on the occlusal and distal occlusal pits on the upper left first molar, which is tooth 14. Caries is present on the occlusal and distal pits on the upper left second molar, which is tooth 15, on the lower left second molar, occlusal caries, which is tooth 18. On the occlusal on the lower left second bicuspid, which is tooth 20, occlusal caries, on the lower right first bicuspid, which is tooth 28, and on the lower right second bicuspid, which is tooth 29, and an occlusal caries on the lower right second molar, which is tooth 31.

Paul G. Stimson, D.D.S., M.S.

Autopsy

#### INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Investigator: H. C. Gregory

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Case No. 74 - 3378

| Decedent:         |                                       | Race          | _SexAge         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Address:          |                                       |               |                 |
| Death:            | FOUND August 10, 1973                 | Approx. Time  | 7:00 A.M.       |
| Place of Death:   | 2-1/2 miles south of Broaddus, Texas, | off F.M. 3185 | , San Augustine |
| Place of Inquest: |                                       | 1             |                 |
| Date and Time of  | Inquest:                              |               | A.M.<br>P.M.    |

Location, Position, and Surroundings of Body:

The decedent was lying face upward in a grave.

Clothing:

The decedent was nude.

Information:

San Augustine County Sheriff's Department, San Augustine County, Texas, Deputy Sheriff Richard Davis furnished the following information on August 11, 1973, at the Harris County Morgue, Houston, Texas.

The decedent identified as "Unknown #22" was found about 7:00 a.m. on August 10, 1973, when Elmer Wayne Henley (suspect in this case) led San Augustine County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff John Hoyt to a gravesite located about 5-4 feet from the gravesite of William Ray Lawrence, near the above location. Henley identified the gravesite by several crossed sticks on top of the ground. He specifically remembered this gravesite inasmuch as he returned subsequent to the original burial of the decedent and found that something had dug into the ground about the gravesite. Henley then placed a masonite board over the hole and covered the board with a thin layer of earth under which there was a lime substance, under which there was a masonite board, under which was the hole in which the decedent was placed, rolled into a plastic covering and taped shut with silver colored air conditioning tape. Decomposition was advanced, according to the Deputy Sheriff. Scene photographs were taken by Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas. The decedent was taken to Wyman Roberts Funeral Home in St. Augustine, Texas, on August 10, 1973, by Dr. Jack Pruitt of Lufkin, Texas. The diagnosis was strangulation. Deputy Davis said that Henley made the (over)

Property:

There was no property involved.

Transferred to Morgue by:

Funeral Home Conducting Service:

statement that one of the Unknowns #20, #21, or #22 could be a boy named "Garcia".

H. C. Gregory

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AUTOPSY REPORT

(Series No. 20) (NOT IN 140 SERIES)

Name: Body No. 1, identified as William Ray Lawrence

Date of Autopsy: August 10, 1973, 12:30 p.m.

Wyman Roberts Funeral Home, San Augustine, Texas Place of Autopsy:

Authority: San Augustine County, Texas Justice of the Peace C. A. Renfroe #1

Autopsy Prosector: Jack Pruitt, M. D.

CIRCUMSTANCES: Body found buried near Broaddus, Texas, on the afternoon of Thursday August 9, 1973.

GROSS EXAMINATION: The unclothed body is fully wrapped in a thick transparent plastic sheet and tied with several lengths of thick cord resembling venetian blind cord about 1/8 inch in diameter. The body is that of a slender white adolescent male 68 inches in length, the weight not estimated. The scalp hair is light brown and straight, about shoulder length, 12 - 15 inches. The wrists are secured behind the body with fabric adhesive tape. The legs are similarly taped together just above the ankles. A noose of thick cord like that described around the original plastic wrapping is secured around the neck, typical of a "hangman's noose", with a loose end 12 inches long extending down the back. The tissues of the neck are compressed, and indicate that this was applied tightly before death.

The skin is essentially intact over the entire body, although very slippery and having advanced postmortem decomposition, and there is no evidence of any penetrating wound. The outer skin surfaces over the fingers and toes have sloughed away, and make fingerprint identification impossible, according to two Texas Department of Public Safety Investigators present at the scene. The facial features can be recognized, although the nose has advanced decomposition, the bones intact, no recognizable evidence of trauma. Two teeth are out of their sockets, numbers 1 and 8 as indicated on the accompanying dental chart, postmortem in character, apparently all 32 teeth having erupted and having no evidence of decay or filling (see dental chart for description). The penis, scrotum and anus are intact, without evidence of mutilation, the pubic hair intact and recognizable.

The heart, lungs, and abdominal organs are shrunken and pasty, virtually unrecognizable, but without evidence of severe antemortem trauma.

According to information supplied by the father and the dentist, as well as a photograph published in the Houston Post, this body was identified as that of William Ray Lawrence, 15-year-old white boy. The condition of the body is consistent with a postmortem interval of approximately one month.

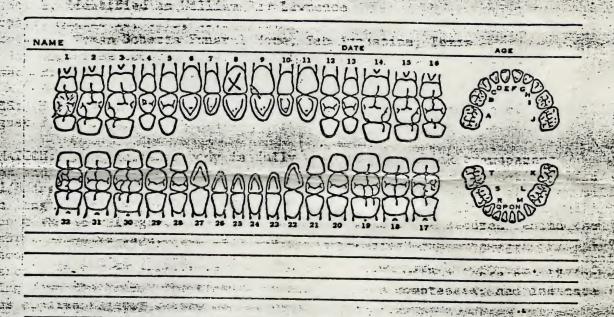
MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION: Microscopic examination of the solid organs is of no value because of the severe postmortem decomposition of the tissues.

PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS AND CAUSE OF DEATH: Death by strangulation, postmortem interval of about one month.

> Jack Pruitt, M. D., Diplomate of the American Board of Pathology

Original to Judge Renfroe Xerox copy to Sheriff Hoyt Xerox copy retained for files

# Case #1 San Augustrie 8-10-73 (Solent. as William Ray Lawrence)



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Other characteristics for identification:

- 1. Height 5'8", slender, weight not estimatel.
- 2. Long straight brown hair, about shoulder length, est. 12-15 inches in longest portion
- 3. Eyes affarently blue, but markel port mortem decomposition

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January 17, 1995

Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory Danny Carter, Latent Prints P. O. Box 4143 Austin, Texas 78765

Reference: 1973 Mass Murders; ML#73-3378

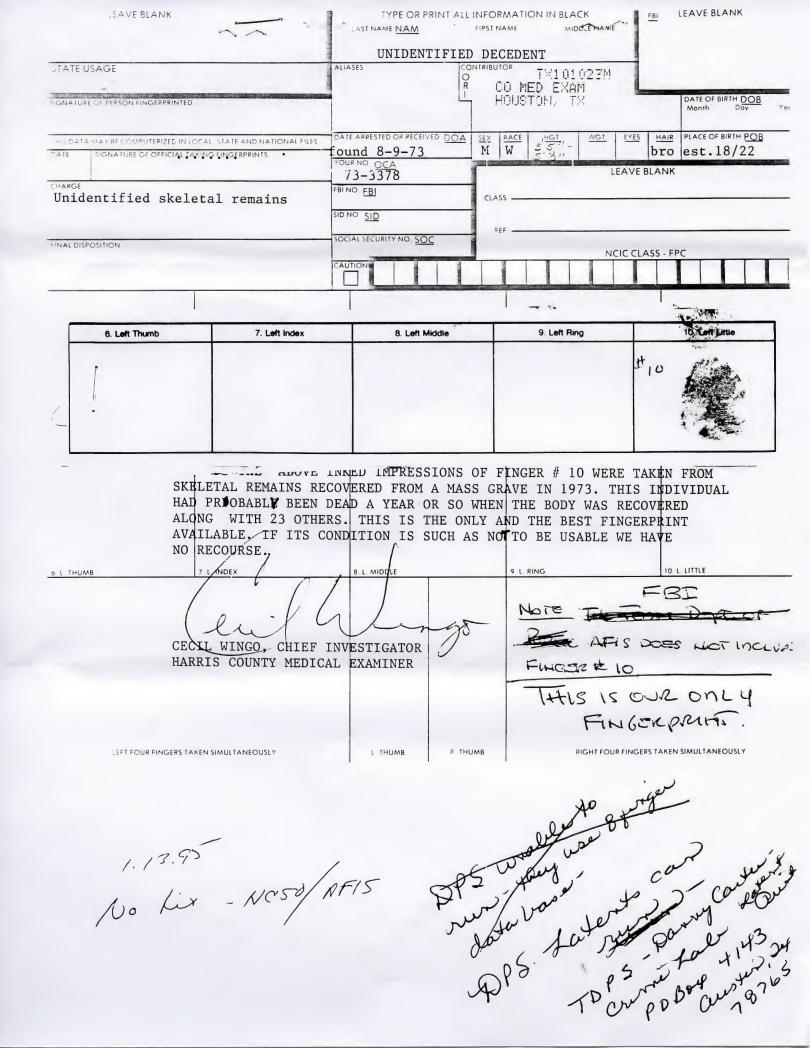
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### U.S. Department of Justice

### Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20537

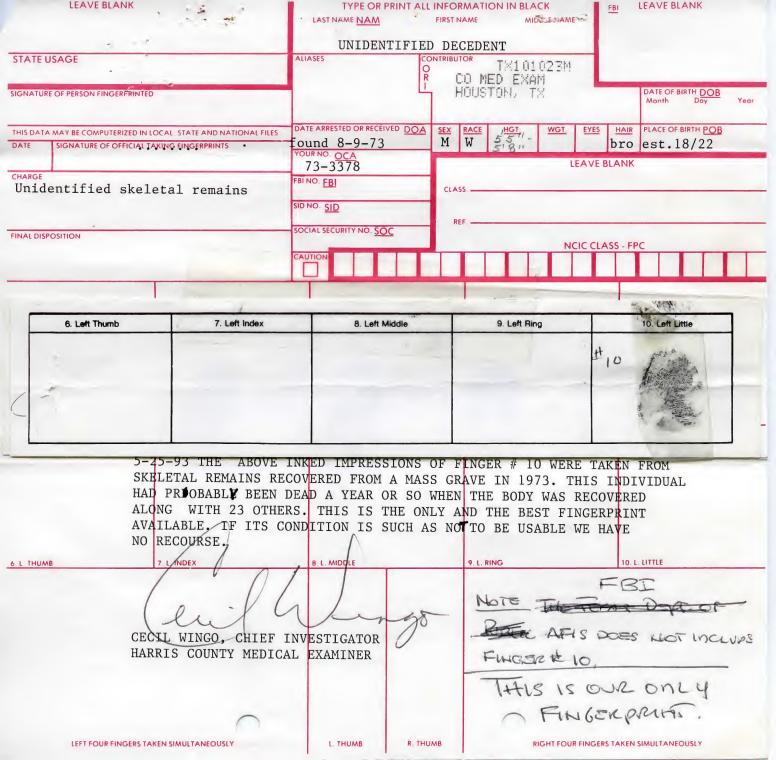
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### Luis A. Sanchez, M.D. Chief Medical Examiner



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August 26, 2008

Kathy Parks
Shift Supervisor
Fingerprint Section
Crime Records Service
5805 N. Lamar Blvd.
Box 4143
Austin, Texas 78765-4143

Dear Ms. Parks:

Attached is the original ink #10 fingerprint from our case ML73-3378. This is an unknown white male, 15-17 years old, 5'8"-5'10" tall, with an approximate DOD of May-July 1973. This is the only print that the HCME was able to obtain from the decedent. We are in the process of comparing this decedent with a missing person, Rodney Lee Harris, DOB 12/14/1956. Thank you in advance for working on this.

As this is the only original copy we have, please return it by secure mail as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Sharon M. Derrick

Sharon M. Derrick, PhD Agency Coordinator/Anthropologist 713-796-6858 sharon.derrick@meo.hctx.net

Cc: Ms. Blanca Garcia

Ms. Barbara Callistien

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